



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MANAGING AIRPORT OPERATIONS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the April 9, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 10, 11 and 13-17 are pending in this application. The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 5-7, 10, 11 and 13-17 under 35 U.S.C. §§102(b) and 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,278,965 to Glass et al. (hereinafter "Glass"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Regarding claims 1, 7, 10 and 16, the Office Action asserts that Glass teaches the features of these claims. The analysis of the Office Action fails for at least the following reasons.

Glass teaches an airport surface traffic data management system that acquires a variety of information to establish, predict and update reference data values for aircraft surface operations (Abstract). In Glass, information is loaded into a neutral, confidential and centralized prediction system (see col. 9, lines 48-54). The prediction subsystem 108 is